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(Case No. 03-465-A; 400/136 CIP1)

In the Application of:	)	
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Serial No.: 10/693,059	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
Filing Date: October 23, 2003	)	
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For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of	)	
Gene Expression Using Chemically	)	
Modified Short Interfering Nucleic Acid	)	
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56 and 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. A partial recitation of the priority claim is as follows. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/444,853, filed May 23, 2003. This applications is also a continuation-in-part of 10/652,791, filed August 29, 2003. This application is also a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application No. 10/427,160, filed April 30, 2003. All of the applications recited herein are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 CFR §1.98(d), all references marked with an "\*" have been previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office with the prior applications and numbered references are submitted herein. All references cited are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith.

Portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

Applicants do not believe any fee is due with this submission. If this belief is in error and the Patent Office determines that the fee prescribed in the relevant portion of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 is applicable, the undersigned attorney by his signature hereby authorizes any such fee to be debited from Deposit Account 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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